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Dear Ms. Stommes,

For years, my family has been growing and eating organic foods. When Oregon adopted standards for organic produce, we were thrilled and we also very glad when the USDA decided to adopt standards.

However, we are now very concerned that the proposed National Organic Standards are less than acceptable. We understand that much work has gone into this, but as proposed, they are not good enough.

In particular, we object to the following being included in organic:

1. GEO's processing agents or agricultural inputs. (Sect. 205.8)
2. Ionized irradiation (Sect. 205.17)
3. Biosolids/sewage sludge. (Sect. 205.22)

We also ask that organic certification be consistent with the recommendations of the National Organic Standards Board (NOSB).

Sincerely,

*Darryl & Diana Boom*  
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